

VICINITY AND LOCAL ITEMS.

MR. AND MRS. W. H. PHILLIPS of Bennington have been visiting W. B. McKillip, George Bell, Byron S. Jones and families in this city.—Burlington Free Press.

OLD Weatherwise announces that the coming season is going to be a great one for maple sugar manufacture and for trout fishing.

GEORGE S. FISK, who has been local editor of the Clipper for about a year and a half, has severed his connection with that paper and will take a position on the staff of the St. Johnsbury Republic. Mr. Fisk has secured many friends in this city, in addition to doing excellent work, and he is sure to win success in his new field of labor.—Burlington Free Press.

REFERRING to the death of Mrs. Geo. A. Stahl, of Boston, which occurred at the residence of her brother-in-law, Mr. C. C. Kimball, in this village last week, the Wilmington Times, the home paper of Mrs. Stahl's family, says: "Mrs. Adah Stahl, daughter of Daniel Wheeler of this town, died at Bennington Tuesday. After returning to Boston last fall after her visit here she was taken worse and came back to Bennington and went to Bennington a short time ago. The funeral will be held to-day (Friday). Clayton and Bert Wheeler, brothers of the deceased, have gone to the funeral." Mrs. Stahl was an estimable woman and her death at the early age of 23 is a matter of much regret.

THE postoffice authorities are very particular regarding the delivery of pension letters to the proper parties, and postmasters are specially instructed in regard to the matter. A letter from the pension office at Washington may be delivered to the person in whose care it may be addressed, as well as to the pensioner or member of his family, but a letter addressed to a pensioner from the office of an agent for paying pensions must only be delivered to the pensioner or some member of his family, even though addressed in care of a third person, because such an address is prohibited. A pensioner's order, verbal or written, instructing the postmaster to deliver his pension letters to an attorney, claim agent or broker must be disregarded.

THE annual report of the chief engineer of the Bennington fire department for 1892 is now out. During the year there were 12 fire alarms; loss on buildings and contents, \$9020; insurance, \$8650. The largest single loss was \$2500 on which the insurance was \$900. The assessed value of real and personal property requiring protection of the government is \$1,661,770. The department consists of one steamer, three hose companies and one hook and ladder company each containing 25 men. The value of property connected with the department is \$891.05. There are 2850 feet of hose, 2150 of which is in good condition. The Gamewell system of fire alarm is in use and there are ten alarm boxes. There are 38 hydrants, of which three are private. The total expense of the department for the year was \$4099.74. At the ten general alarms given during the year Stark hose company and H. W. Putnam hose company were first at the fire, the former three times and the latter four. The department is in good condition and under the best of discipline.

THE BANNER is always glad to receive personals and other items, and would again invite our citizens to send them in for publication.

THE Second Congregational Sunday School voted, recently, to continue for another year, the Guide Board Sunday school, which it established and has mainly supported for a number of years.

MR. CHAS. B. McDONOUGH who has for several years been secretary and treasurer of the second Congregational Sunday School resigned last Sunday. Fred B. Packard, the assistant secretary, was elected to fill the vacancy and Will Barron was elected assistant secretary.

MISS Jennie Harrington of North Bennington, closed a successful term of school at Centre Shaftsbury, Friday, February 23rd. This is Miss Harrington's third term there. Although the school was large she has had good success.

IT has been estimated from well authenticated figures that the summer patronage of Vermont from other parts of the Union has reached the sum of \$1,000,000 annually. It is gratifying to note how the beautiful scenery and fresh, invigorating air of towns like our own are appreciated by dwellers in the close and crowded cities. Some of those persons who never visit the country in the winter might think it decidedly fresh just now, if they were to visit Wilmington or any part of Vermont.—Troy Times. The same might be said of "Camp Comfort," and other resorts in this vicinity.

AS predicted by Mr. A. P. Childs in this paper two weeks ago, the court at Denison, Tex., has discharged the receivership of the Denison Land and Investment company which was ordered some three weeks ago. The Brattleboro Reformer says this fulfills the prophecies of the local investors in the scheme who knew the most about it. The arguments to have the appointment of the receiver set aside were made Thursday and Friday, and the opinion given by Judge Brown Saturday. He found that the allegations on which the receivership was ordered were not sustained, that while the evidence showed extravagant expenditures during the first year, the present management seems to be economical and conservative. The company's claim is that the extravagance was the work of the very men, since ousted from control, who are now trying to overthrow the company.

IN addition to what was said in our Manchester items recently, we take the following from the Troy Times: "Another death just announced is that of Mrs. Delight S. Boudinot (born Miss Sargent), aged 92 years. She was a native of Pawlet, and remained in this State until 1827, when she went to Tennessee as missionary to the Choctaw Indians, and afterward to Georgia to labor among the Cherokees. While in the land of the Cherokees Miss Sargent became acquainted with Elias C. Boudinot, whom she married, he being a half-blood Cherokee who had received a liberal education. He was a prominent figure in the Cherokee land, and conveyed a vast tract of property from the Indians

to the United States. From the trouble arising from the sale came the death of Col. Boudinot, who was shot by a hidden assassin. Thirty-six years ago Mrs. Boudinot was placed in charge of the Day Home for children in Troy."

WILL OF PERRY W. ELDRID.

The will of Perry W. Eldred of Hoosick, N. Y., has been probated in the surrogate's court. The testator, whose estate is valued at \$100,000, made these provisions in his will: To his daughter, Avis Eldred, the hotel property at Hoosick, the homestead in the same town and three acres of land; to his daughters, Sarah E. Webber and Frances T. Eldred, hotel property at Cambridge and nine acres of land, subject to the payment of \$1,000 to his son, Perry L. Eldred; to his daughters, Estella Bates and Isabella Graves, a farm in North Petersburg of thirty-seven acres, a hotel at North Petersburg and fifty-six acres of land in Petersburg, subject to the payment of \$200 to Perry L. Eldred; to his daughter Marion Babcock, the property west of the homestead at Hoosick; to Willis A. Webber, a son-in-law, part of the home farm, in trust for Perry L. Eldred; to his son, Perry L. Eldred, for life, the use of Hotel property at Hoosick, and after his death to go to his heirs. The son also receives a house and lot in Cambridge upon the same conditions, and \$1,000 is to be paid him by Mrs. Webber and Mrs. Eldred. The sum of \$500 is given to Mr. Webber in trust for Marion Babcock. The rest of the estate is to be divided equally among the children. The instrument was executed March 28th, 1892, and names Colonel E. L. Bates of Bennington, Vt., and Willis A. Webber of Springfield as executors. Both are sons-in-law of the deceased.—Troy Press.

DEFERRED COUNTY ITEMS.

North Bennington.

Mrs. R. L. Steen of Constantine, Mich., spent last Sunday and Monday with Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Hall. She was joined Monday by Miss S. E. Park. Her stay has been prolonged East more than she expected, from a desire to finish up previously formed arrangements.

Charles Hall and wife of Springfield, Mass., are visiting here, as guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Welling. This is a visit which has been contemplated for some time, but has been postponed until now for various reasons.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Hall gave a six o'clock dinner, to several of their kindred and friends, Tuesday evening. We understand, the story of the scarcity of turkey since Christmas and New Year's, to the guests has seemed like a ruse gotten up to quiet the longing for this delicious edible.

The Congregational Sunday school reunion a week since, in the parlors of the church, was an enjoyable occasion. One hundred and four sat at the well loaded tables, and had an entertainment was had, in which several of the scholars took part, the whole concluding with remarks by the superintendent and pastor of the church.

The funeral of Mrs. James Donnelly which took place in Bennington last Sunday afternoon, and was attended by several from this place, recalls the long residence of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Harry Howes in our village. His death was followed by that of his wife after continued years of sickness. Mrs. Donnelly, then a widow, faithfully caring for the household which included her three sons. One of the sons, James, is in Williams College, the second, Edward, is in Boston and the third, George, is in Bennington, all of whom were present at the funeral of their devoted mother, to whom they had been kind, affectionate and dutiful sons.

We notice the sale of "Sidney," the celebrated California horse, for \$27,000, in Cleveland, Ohio, to George H. Hammond of Detroit. It should not be forgotten that among the choice collection of H. C. White is Sidney Junior, purchased a year since, and which promises to maintain the reputation of his sire.

The ride of the graded school scholars Wednesday afternoon, which was improvised to give the primary departments a sleighride last week, but which was delayed by the storm, was a joyous time generally. As the time approached for starting, enthusiasm developed to such an extent, by reason of so pleasant a day and such fine sleighing that the streets were full, running hither and thither to find almost any kind of sleigh and team for the occasion. The ride was to Bennington, and though a little late in getting started and several teams out of the procession by reason of the impromptu decision to join, the whole by the attraction of the many National flags and the happy expressions in cheering was voted a grand good time. A double sleigh was captized by one of the runners being caught in the Gastenbury railroad track, and the horses ran into a fence, but the driver held on to them and soon all was in order again, with no one hurt. The originator and promoters of the ride are to be commended. A list of those furnishing teams, as well as those helping to defray the expense accruing, has been furnished since writing the above, viz: W. E. Simonds, S. P. Simonds, C. W. Roberts, H. C. White, W. R. White, Will Wright, C. H. Houghton, A. Hathaway, M. C. Huling, Hiram Hall, Dr. Ranney, H. T. Cushman, E. D. Welling, W. G. Shaw, Henry Rosier, Fred Bottom, Wm. Hurley, S. B. Hall, Germon Mattison and Eddy and Myers of Shaftsbury.

The attendance at the opening session of the Farmer's Institute, in Bank Hall, Thursday morning was not larger than expected. An audience of over thirty were present seemingly ready to enter upon the business of the meetings in earnest. A report of the work will be given in another place.

A series of meetings in the near future are in contemplation by the Congregational church, to awaken an interest in things pertaining to the spiritual king-

dom. A number of the clergy from other parts of the county are expected to assist in the various services.

The scholars of the North Bennington graded school, who so much enjoyed the sleighride on Wednesday afternoon, wish to express in this public manner their thanks to the trustees who so kindly consented to give them a half-holiday, to the citizens who so generously supplied conveyances, and to the one who so kindly gave his time efforts to bring about the event.

Fownal.

Notice—Town meeting next Tuesday, March 14th, with many candidates in the field.

A large delegation, besides the five appointed delegates, attended the annual Epworth League convention held at North Adams, Mass., February 23d.

Miss Sarah Foster returned to Chicago Thursday last week.

Miss Jennie Monro is spending a few days in Troy, N. Y., with her aunt.

The decision in the suit, Dunn vs. the Town, was given last week in favor of the town.

Mrs. S. Wright returned from Connecticut Saturday, where she has been visiting her son "Sollic."

The Epworth League will give an entertainment, "A night with Tennyson," this evening (Friday), after which ice cream and cake will be served. All are invited.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sinclair spent Saturday in North Adams.

Mrs. Perry Flanders of North Adams, Mass., has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Mason, the present week.

Frank Green of Berlin, N. Y., is visiting his cousin Edward Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Moore have returned from Northampton, Mass., where they have been spending the winter with their daughter Mrs. J. Coombs.

Miss Bessie Bates gave her Sunday school class a sleighride Wednesday.

Woodford.

R. D. Cutler sustained lameness by falling from a scaffold.

February went out a snowin' and March came in a blowin'.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cutler and little Fanny, are visiting relatives and friends at Hoosick Falls.

After passing a week's vacation at home, Will Knapp has returned to his post for the Peru Lumber Co.

Those who attended the Dockstader minstrel entertainment from this town say the overture and singing were fine, but that the after pieces would be mediocre for plays of much less pretensions.

Saturday we had a pleasant chat with B. F. Wood at Bennington. Mr. Wood is superintendent for the Phoenix Powder Co., and made a flying trip from St. Louis. The company would not spare him for double the large salary he now receives.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Gleason have been summoned to Wilmington again because of death. This time Walter Haskell, Mrs. Gleason's nephew has passed away. The remains have been placed in the tomb at Wilmington.

Next Tuesday the annual March meeting is to be held and it is hoped that every voter in town will be present and act with "coolness and deliberation." Under the new law there will be but one highway commissioner chosen and he by ballot. By all means let us choose the best man, for good roads are a "big item" now-a-days.

It seems that the Green Mountain Summer Home Co. have consummated a trade with the Harbour Brothers for \$5000 worth of their real estate. The old home-stead and greater part of the farm, and timber lots are reserved. It is probable that an electric light plant will take the place of the old saw mill ere the trees are in full leaf.

Wanderland.

Miss Mary Gregory returned to the Normal school at Castleton, Monday.

Miss Ethel Whitney of North Dorset visited friends here last week.

Fred King and family have moved to Ludlow, Vt., where he is to have employment in a factory.

Mrs. Pamela Davenport of Broad Brook, Conn., is spending the winter with her mother, Mrs. Annie Landon.

Mrs. E. A. Graves, has been visiting for the past two weeks with her sister, Mrs. L. W. Cole, of South Shaftsbury.

Lumbermen have found it impossible to do much more than break roads the past few weeks. It has been a kind of practice for the "prentice man" of our "Road Commissioner" that is to be.

This being one of the "mild winters" foretold by our "prophets" it is any wonder they have "no honor in their own country." Let us hope that such "winds will die with them."

Albion C. Matteson of Hebron, N. Y., with his wife and Roy, and Eli C. Matteson and wife, of Greenwich, N. Y., are visiting their mother, Mrs. Flora U. Matteson.

At the school meeting held at the red school house Wednesday evening, the portions of the "electrical" were voted out, in compliance with the new law, thus giving the benefits of the "Town System" to the whole town.

SHE ESCAPED THE KNIFE.

BY MEANS OF TREATMENT AT THE TROY MAGNETIC INSTITUTE.

Mrs. C., who resides in West Troy, came to Drs. Smith and Scott, complaining of an intense neuralgic pain in the region of the left ovary. She had suffered from this symptom, which was much aggravated at the period of the menstrual flow, for about six or seven years. She had consulted various physicians in Troy and the neighboring city of Albany, some of whom had relieved her for the time being, but the moment she discontinued their treatment she grew worse again. She at length visited a surgeon of prominence and high reputation, who told her that the only hope of being permanently cured lay in her submission to the dangerous and difficult operation of having the ovary cut out. This announcement threw her into profound dejection and mental prostration, and in her despair she made a call on Drs. Smith and Scott. They at once told her that she might be brought out of her trouble without such a dangerous alternative. She took treatment from them for a period of about six weeks, at the end of which time they told her she would not have to come to the office again. That was on the 7th day of last September, and though several months have elapsed she has not had an ache or a pain in the region formerly so sensitive since she left off the course of magnetism, though she has several times called at their office to express her thanks for the recovery. Sick and suffering woman, do not hastily conclude that the surgeon's knife is a necessity.

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HISTORY SHOULD BEGIN AT HOME.

Every city and town should have its history written with some detail for use in the schools of that town, and with this should be included a proper treatment of the geography of the region, writes Winfield S. Nevins in the March New England Magazine in an article on the importance of the study on local history. Such a work has been done for Dover, Massachusetts, and the book is in use in that town to-day very successfully. This local text book can be put in the form of a catechism, with questions and answers or in the narrative form. It should begin with a clear statement of the location of the place, to be followed with something on the topography, the geology and the botany; then the history of the settlement of the town; the establishment of the first church; the growth and municipal history; notices of the important public buildings; military history; to be followed by accounts of the industries, railroads, principal highways, commerce; a brief sketch of the schools, and other educational institutions; something about the noted men and women who were born in or have lived in town or visited it. These topics need not be arranged in the order here given, but according to the plan best adapted to the locality. This study I believe will be found very helpful. It is one to awaken instant interest in pupil and teacher. The child loves to read and talk about places and things with which he is familiar, as we older people are more interested in anything about countries we have never seen. The local history and geography are the easiest for the child to grasp and he will learn other history.

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FRANKNESS BEFORE MARRIAGE.

No man should become engaged to a woman without having a perfectly frank talk with her in regard to his means, and the woman should be quite as honest in telling of her qualifications and willingness to undertake to master the problem of making a home on the income that seems assured to them both, writes Maria Parloa in a valuable article on the "Division of the Family Income," in the February Ladies' Home Journal. More than this, they both should go over this question deliberately, looking at all sides of it. The changed mode of living, the self-denials, the added expense of sickness, if it should come, all should be carefully considered. The man who for years has spent his income upon himself, living, perhaps like his neighbor, who has a fortune back of him, will often be frightened at the picture of the future, which this careful weighing of the subject presents to him, and he may decide either to wait a few years or else do what, unfortunately, a great many young married people think they must do—go to a boarding house. The woman may have lived an aimless, careless life, her father being able to support her in comfort and, perhaps, elegance. The picture may have as little charm for her as for the man who has asked her to marry him, and she, too, is glad to settle upon the boarding house as promising more style and ease for less money than can the simple home. This is one solution of the problem. Another common happening is that either one or the other finds—or, perhaps, both the man and woman do—that they have not the independence and moral courage to be willing to live in such a simple, unfashionable manner as their means would compel them to. When two people feel that way it would be better for them and the public at large that they remain single; for we have to-day too many people who are trying to live as if they had an income of many thousands, when, in fact, it is often the case that they have less than two thousand.

ENGLISH VERSUS AMERICAN MANNERS.

This may not be the right place, therefore, to commend the remarks of a contributor to the Contributor's Club of a recent number of the Atlantic Monthly, who discourses on certain small particulars wherein English manners differ from American. The English gentleman, he finds, never says "sir" to any except royal persons; the American gentleman often says "sir" to his elders and commonly to such of his equals as he desires to treat with respect. So the ideal American gentleman aims to be courteous to his inferiors (as he regards them), and at least as civil to his servants as they are to him. Whereas, this contributor says, "The English servant or underling likes to be treated brusquely and arrogantly... and the English gentleman seldom fails to gratify him."

Most of us who are good Americans believe that American manners are based on sound ideas, and would far rather see our cousins emulate our behavior than ourselves swing at all into line with theirs. Only in "the service" it is possible that American manners may be less servicable than elsewhere, and the English manners more desirable; and if that is so it is a pity, and the officers are entitled to our sympathy and an increase of pay.—Harper's Weekly.



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Lynn, Mass.

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